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1. From 2 to 13 March 1951, all buildings of the Artillerie Kaserne in Ebersdorf near Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) were occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Source for the first time observed that some trucks from the installation were driven by soldiers who wore motor transport insignia, and he determined that the unit stationed in the installation was equipped with mortars and AT guns. A local resident said that the installation quartered four companies armed with AT guns and mortars. About 240 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia moved from the Artillerie Kaserne to the northern section of the former German Artillery Observation Battalion Kaserne on 9 March, either riding on trucks towing AT guns or marching on foot. They were subsequently seen to practice the emplacing and aiming of guns. At the same time soldiers practiced driving with, and limbering and unlimbering of six guns towed by prime movers. All drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia. About 70 other soldiers practiced with a range finder, which resembled the former German model, and with six mortars, while about 220 troops were drilling. Passenger car [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was observed. * 50X1-HUM
2. The Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse still quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [] observed artillery insignia with some of the troops. Sedans [] and trucks [] were observed in the installation. ** 50X1-HUM

* [] Comment. The Artillerie Kaserne in Ebersdorf is believed to quarter the 19th Gds Recz Regt of the 8th Gds Recz Div. [] 50X1-HUM

[] The recent observation of motor transport insignia with truck drivers may be due to the fact that the mechanized regiment was furnished with motor vehicles by a motor transport unit to mobilize its artillery pieces. 50X1-HUM

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[] Comment. The Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse is believed
to quarter the headquarters and component units of the 6th (Gds ?)
AAA Div of the GDFG. []

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